

Ascension Day & the Feast of St. Dunstan

(observed) ♣ May 16, 2021

Words of Welcome

Opening Acclamation

The congregation stands.

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Celebrant Let us pray. O God of truth and beauty, you richly endowed your bishop Dunstan with skill in music and working of metals, and with gifts of administration and reforming zeal: Teach us, we pray, to see in you the source of all our talents, and move us to offer them for the adornment of worship and the advancement of true religion; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Scripture Reading (from Luke 24 and Acts 1)

Reader

A reading from the final chapter of the Gospel of Luke and the first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles.

Jesus said to his friends, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you--that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures.

Why do you stand looking up towards heaven?

The one you seek has sent you forth.

He said to them, "Thus it is written, that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high. For John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

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They asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

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Then, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.' And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 1

**Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!**

**Their delight is in the law of the Holy One, *
and they meditate on that law day and night.**

**They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.**

**It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

**Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous;**

**For the Holy One knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

THE TRUE LEGEND OF ST. DUNSTAN AND THE DEVIL

*Adapted from the children's book by EDWARD G. FLIGHT
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Homily

Miranda Hassett

The Prayers of the People

The congregation stands.

The Prayers of the People are a time for each and all of us to pray for what is in our hearts and on our minds. During the silences, you are invited to speak aloud any particular prayers. To add a name to our prayer list at any time, or to join the email group that holds the community's concerns in prayer, email prayers@stdunstans.com.

Officiant Let us pray together now! We will hold up our needs and blessings to God. You can speak your prayers out loud, so that we can pray with you, or hold them in your heart.

Let us give thanks for all our blessings.

The people name their blessings.

Officiant
People You are good, your mercy is everlasting,
Your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Officiant Let us pray for all churches and their leaders, and for all God's people everywhere.
The people may offer their prayers aloud.

Officiant
People May your churches rejoice in one another's faithfulness.
Reveal in our common life the living Body of Christ.

Officiant Let us pray for all those in authority, [especially...]
The people may offer their prayers aloud.

Officiant
People May they rise early to reflect on wisdom.
May they consider justice by day and by night.

Leader Let us pray for all nations and peoples.
The people may offer their prayers aloud.

Officiant
People May all peoples enter your realm of justice and compassion.
May your children everywhere find safety, kindness and hope.

Officiant Let us pray for the earth and the whole created order.
The people may offer their prayers aloud.

Officiant
People Move us from fear and despair towards courage and compassion.
Guide us to actions that protect and renew.

Officiant Let us pray for our local community. We pray especially for all essential workers,
healthcare and public health workers
The people may offer their prayers aloud.

Officiant
People May we work and pray for the good of the city where we dwell.
In its peace we shall find our peace.

Officiant Let us pray for those in any need or trouble, especially those on our parish prayer list.
You are invited to name others in need of prayer, and to hold up your own struggles to
the light of God's love.
The people may offer additional names.

Officiant
People God of wholeness, you are the wellspring of new life.
Grant healing and peace to those who call out to you.

Officiant Let us pray for all who have died, [especially ...], and for those who mourn, [especially...]
The people may offer additional names.

Officiant
People We entrust to your steadfast love all our beloved dead.
Bring consolation and strength to the living.

Officiant Let us pray for our common life and work as God's people.

The people may offer their prayers aloud.

Officiant Call us to our mission. Give us insight to know it and power to do it.
People **Make these words more than words, and give us the heart of Jesus.**

Celebrant Creator God, you know what we need without our words. Hear our prayers; hear also our silence. Grant us those things which we cannot or dare not voice. We make our prayers through our brother, Jesus Christ, crucified and risen. **Amen.**

The Peace

Leader Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
If you love me, rejoice because I am going to the Father'. Alleluia.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you. Alleluia!**

We greet one another, wishing one another the peace of Christ.

At the Presentation of the Gifts

The congregation stands.

Celebrant Grant that these gifts and all that we present to you may be multiplied, like the bread you blessed and broke, so that your sheep may be fed and the broken world healed.
Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is indeed right and good, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God through Jesus Christ the King of glory, who trampled death and conquered sin. By the glory of his resurrection he opened the way to life eternal, and by his ascension, gave us the sure hope that where he is we may be also. Therefore the universe resounds with Easter joy and with choirs of angels we proclaim for ever your praise:

People **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

The Celebrant continues,

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

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Celebrant

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues,

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, loving God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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The Lord's Prayer

Please pray in the language of your heart.

Celebrant

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Traditional language:

**Our Father, who art in Heaven,
hallowed be Thy name.
Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Contemporary language:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Spanish version:

**Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santifi-
cado sea tu Nombre,
Venga tu reino, hágase tu voluntad,
En la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas,
como también nosotros
perdonamos a los que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en tentación
y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el
poder, y tuyo es la gloria,
Ahora y por siempre. Amén.**

Gender-neutral (New Zealand, adapted):

**Loving God, may your name be held holy,
your reign spread among us, and your
will be done well.
With the bread we need for today, feed
us.
From all the binds and burdens us, free us
and help us free others.
In times of temptation and test,
strengthen us.
From trials too sharp to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, save us.
For you reign in the glory of the power
that is love, now and forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread & Invitation

Celebrant Alleluia, alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

Households are invited to approach Rev. Miranda to receive the consecrated bread, then go to one of the two Communion tables to receive a cup of wine. Please take the cup and wafers back to your seating area before removing your masks to consume them.

Prayer After Communion

The congregation stands.

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **God of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant

May the Spirit, who set the Church on fire upon the day of Pentecost, bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ. And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

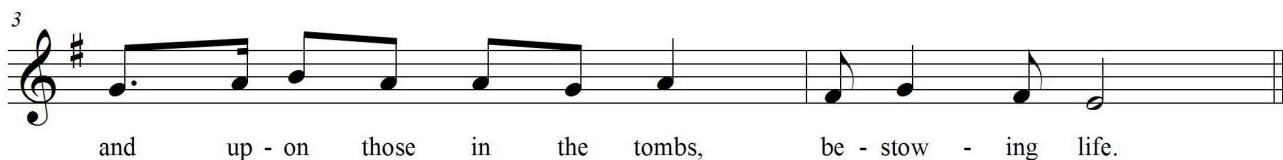
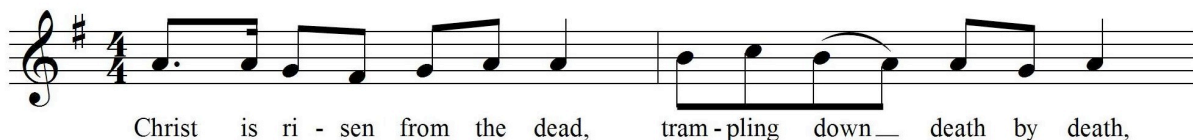
Dismissal

Officiant Waiting expectantly for the promised Holy Spirit,
go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!**

Easter Troparion

Verbal instructions will be given before we sing.



Welcome to in-person worship at St. Dunstan's Church!

If you can't hear, text Phil Hassett at 608-469-6739.

We will eventually be looking for a few other folks who'd like to learn to set up and run the sound system - let Phil know if you are interested!

A few guidelines for being here together...

- Please greet others in non-contact ways (no handshakes or hugs - yet!).
- Please wear a name tag. Some of us haven't seen one another in a while, and some of us are new to the St. Dunstan's community.
- Please wear your mask fully over your mouth and nose for the whole time you're here on the church property (except inside your own vehicle).
- Please keep at least six feet distance from people from other households, except for passing interactions - it's fine to come close to grab a mask or bulletin. Please stay mindful and don't let six feet creep to three or four!
- All these safety guidelines apply **regardless of your vaccination status**. Even if you feel like you're safe and don't have to be so careful, these are the rules we're abiding by together for EVERYONE's safety and peace of mind.
- Please use your normal speaking voice for spoken responses.
- Bathrooms are indoors. Go in the door over on the right, into the Meeting Room, then take the door on the left into the main part of the building. Bathrooms are on a short hallway on the left, just past the water fountain. Our bathrooms are single-occupancy and ventilated. Keep your mask on while you use them, wash your hands well, and leave the door open when you finish.
- Remember that our policies are guided by the Diocese of Milwaukee and may be different from what you see elsewhere.

Returning to in-person worship is going to be an experimental process.

We're going to try things, and learn from them. Your feedback and noticings are helpful!

Contact Rev. Miranda at 608-469-7085 (call or text) or revmiranda@stdunstans.com .

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